

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr N Bradshaw Cllr J Clarke Cllr S Farnham Cllr J Marsh Cllr K Taylor Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>Two Members of the Public attended the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr M Anderson Cllr C Tucker (TDBC Councillor) Cllr R Williams (SCC Councillor) PCSO T Wearmouth (Avon and Somerset Police)</p>	
2.0	<p>Councillors Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</p> <p>None.</p>	
3.0	<p>Items from Members of the Public</p> <p>None.</p>	
4.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Clerk read out the report that she had received from the Police, prior to the meeting.</p>	
5.0	<p>SCC Councillor Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised that no report had been received, prior to the meeting.</p>	
6.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Townsend advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ New Council Warding Pattern was undergoing consultation. Between TDBC and West Somerset District Council, there were presently 83 Councillors. When both councils merge, only 58 Councillors would be required due to the larger areas Councillors would be covering and the electorate forecast for the new wards. The Parish Council agreed to complete the New Council Warding Pattern form in response to the consultation ❖ The second consultation to determine the preferred route of the A358 to Southfields Duelling Scheme was now closed. TDBC would prefer the scheme to be linked to the M5 J25 Employment Site instead of the proposed new free flow links for traffic between M5 south (to/from Exeter direction) and A358 to avoid J25, and all other traffic being routed through J25 ❖ SCC had issued its 1st draft of the Housing Framework Plan 	Clerk/ Cllr Bradshaw
7.0	<p>Village Hall Notice Board Repair</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received an invoice for £1637.00 for re-installing the notice board. The Parish Council decided that the installation of 2 oak posts would be a much cheaper option. The Clerk was requested to contact another person for a quote. Ongoing.</p>	Clerk

8.0	<p>Highway Speed Limits</p>	
8.1	<p>Speed Limits At the February 2018 meeting, Mr Taylor advised the Parish Council that a meeting had been held on the 11 January 2018 between SCC Highways and Community Partnership, to review speed limits within the village and the national speed limit along Kingston Road which was thought to be inappropriate for the road conditions.</p> <p>SCC Highways had agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Undertake a drive through the village to better understand various highway issues ❖ Arrange for the deployment of mobile speed survey equipment. The speed survey should provide evidence for a SIS bid in October 2018 ❖ Scrub out the centre line at certain places in the village and install edge of carriageway lines to draw driver's attention to the narrowness of the carriageway, thereby causing traffic to slow down ❖ Consider design options such as pinch points/street lighting within the village <p>Also, Speedwatch was being reformed and it would support the case for reducing speed limits. The Police had offered to supply a new speed gun, free of charge. However, more volunteers were required.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Taylor and SCC Highways to ascertain the status of highway improvements.</p>	Clerk
8.2	<p>Speed Indicator Device (SID) As previously reported, SCC was withdrawing its SIDs from villages. It had offered to sell a SID for between £2,000.00 to £3,000.00 each, to any parish but had now decided on an alternative scheme. The Clerk advised that for £100.00 per installation, a SID would be temporarily installed at agreed locations. The Parish Council discussed the merits of 4 SID installations per annum and what the speed indication output could be used for, going forward.</p> <p>The Parish Council voted 4 votes in favour of 4 SID installations per annum (£400.00), 3 votes against.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways, to advise that the Parish Council was considering the scheme.</p>	Clerk
8.3	<p>Highway Flooding The Clerk advised at the February 2018 meeting that SCC Highways would from April 2018 onwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clear the ditch on the south side of the road between Fulford Bungalow and Fulford House, of fallen trees from private land that the adjacent landowner had failed to remove from the ditch. It was understood that this work had been completed ❖ The blocked pipe on the corner of Park Lane and Pickney Lane would be jetted to clear it of the hedge trimmings from hedge flailing operations. Ongoing 	C/F
9.0	<p>Fly Tipping Following several fly tipping incidents in the parish last year, it was agreed to include an article in LinkUp advising villagers on how to report fly tipping to TDBC.</p>	Cllr Stokes
10.0	<p>Community Plan Cllr Bradshaw advised that a meeting was planned for the 15 March 2018, to provide an update on progress to date and future plans.</p>	

11.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 12 February 2018</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
12.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
12.1	<p>North Taunton Urban Development At the February 2018 meeting, Cllr Stokes advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Funding of £7.2 million has been pledged by central government for the North Taunton Urban Development spine road ❖ If this road is built in advance of houses it should greatly ease pressure on Kingston Road, particularly during the construction phase ❖ It should also avoid the need for a drop-down road into Corkscrew Lane and enable developers to increase the number of affordable homes from 15% to 25% ❖ SCC Highways Infrastructure Plan appears to be little more than a “cut and paste” of road schemes already planned by developers ❖ Campaigners have argued that the eastern end of the spine road should be continued to link up with Nerrols Drive to form an outer relief road but SCC Highways claim this is not needed ❖ Both North Taunton Urban Development Section 106 Agreements were awaiting signature 	C/F
12.2	<p>Playing Field Vandalised Signs At the October 2017 meeting, it was Agreed in Principle to pay for three signs including posts and concrete to be erected at the Playing Field. The Member of the Public showed the Parish Council two artworks that the children had produced for the Playing Field and for outside the Primary School’s main entrance. The Member of the Public agreed to arrange for the three signs to be made + the two extra signs would be made free of charge. It was agreed that the Member of the Public would either pay for the signs and reclaim from the Parish Council or send the Clerk the invoice, for payment to be made.</p>	C/F
12.3	<p>Hedgerow and Highway Maintenance The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted SCC Highways and Cllr Williams regarding the hedgerow along Greenway which requires significant cutback, as 1 metre of highway had been lost over the years. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
12.4	<p>Bay Hill - Footpath At the November 2017 meeting, the Clerk confirmed that the Bay Hill footpath had been cleared of the debris (earth, twigs and leaves) that had fallen onto it, from the Sawyers Leigh embankment. However, a permanent solution was required from TDBC to alleviate this ongoing issue. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
12.5	<p>Playing Field ROSPA Report At the January 2018 meeting, the Clerk advised that the annual Playing Field ROSPA Report indicated that some repairs were required. Cllr Wilcox had reviewed the report and concurred with its findings.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had contacted Parsons Landscape Ltd to arrange for one item to be isolated and for a quote to repair all items listed in the report. Quote still awaited.</p> <p>The item that required isolation had been removed free of charge, by Parsons Landscape Ltd. The Playing Field Committee Chairman advised that the isolated equipment was covered by warranty and had been replaced by the manufacturer. Awaiting installation quote from Parsons Landscape Ltd.</p> <p>The Playing Field Committee Chairman confirmed he had received a quote for £1875.00 from Brendon Andrews Property Services for repairing some equipment. If he instructed the repair, there would be insufficient funds in the Playing Field Bank Account to pay for the 2018 running costs. He asked the Parish Council to consider his historical request for £2,500.00, to enable him to pay bills and to employ someone to cut the grass.</p>	C/F

<p>12.5 cont.</p>	<p>The Chairman explained that the requested £2,500.00 + the annual £500.00 grant and the Parish Council paying the Playing Field's Public Liability insurance equated to approximately 40% of the 2018/2019 Precept, and no other improvements could therefore be made in the parish, this year.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had contacted TDBC with regards to the Parish Play Areas Grant Scheme. TDBC had confirmed that grant applications could still be made.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the sustainability of the Playing Field and how it could be financed going forward. It was agreed that volunteers were required to bolster the Playing Field Committee and that an article should be written for LinkUp.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Contact the Section 106 Manager to ascertain further sources of grant funding ❖ To review the Parish Council's 2018/2019 budget and to report accordingly at the April 2018 PC meeting ❖ Contact the Parish Council's gardener to ask him for a grass cutting quote 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12.6</p>	<p>Parking in Leaches Field and Access to/Egress from Playing Field</p> <p>At the January 2018 meeting, the Chairman confirmed that the Lease expires in 2030. Also, vehicular access/egress was for contractors maintaining the field. Because of recent wet weather, mud was being left on the public highway and footpaths by vehicles accessing/egressing the field.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that according to the Lease, TDBC was responsible for maintaining the access/egress to the field. However, the Lease states that TDBC could seek reimbursement for any repairs from the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was agreed to review mud on the public highway and maintaining the access/egress to the Playing Field, in April 2018. Ongoing.</p>	<p>C/F</p>
<p>12.7</p>	<p>Village Sign</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Parish Council that the sign had been re-instated and those involved in the re-installation had been thanked accordingly. Item closed.</p>	
<p>13.0</p>	<p>Planning</p>	
<p>13.1</p>	<p>Applications 20/18/0004 Various Internal and External Alterations at Cutley House, Yarford Road, Kingston St Mary Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Application.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13.2</p>	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/17/0034 Conversion of Garage to Habitable Accommodation with First Floor Extension above, Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear and Erection of Garage to Side of 16 Sawyers Leigh, Kingston St Mary (amended) ❖ 20/18/0003 Notification to Fell One Ash Tree within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Greenbanks, Lodes Lane. Kingston St Mary <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
<p>14.0</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p>	
<p>14.1</p>	<p>Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Notice-It Ltd £320.00 (Removal of Village Hall notice board) ❖ Parish Clerk £92.00 (Expenses 1 September 2017 to 31 March 2018) ❖ Dr Davidson £50.00 (Village sign replacing posts) <p>Resolved: It was agreed to make the above payments.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

14.2	<p>Receipts None received.</p>	
15.0	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk advised that following had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bank: Re-structuring of commercial and retail banking ❖ SCC Highways: Temporary closure of Fitzroy Road <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
16.0	<p>Matters for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ End of year financial review 2017/2018 ❖ Review 2018/2019 budget 	Clerk
17.0	<p>Items for LinkUp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Planning Applications ❖ Playing Field ❖ Fly Tipping ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting 	Cllr Stokes
18.0	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.40PM.</p>	

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